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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Death Count Hits 14 in Hepatitis A Outbreak

(U) Hepatitis A infections have killed three more San Diego County residents, according to a new public health report, pushing the fatality total to 14 for a long-running outbreak which has hit the region's homeless population especially hard. The latest set of numbers released by the county's Health and Human Services Agency shows that, despite widespread vaccination and outreach efforts, the current surge of deadly sickness is far from over. In the last week, the county has confirmed 19 new cases and 32 new hospitalizations, pushing totals since late November 2016 to 352 and 264 respectively. Both numbers eclipse every single-state hepatitis outbreak listed in the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention's food borne illness-tracking database since 1998.

SOURCE: 23 August 2017, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – ISIS Video Features Boy Who Says He's American

(U) Washington – ISIS released a propaganda video that features a boy who claims he is the American son of a US soldier and moved to Syria with his mother two years ago. The child, who speaks in fluent English with what sounds like an American accent, is identified only as Yousef, age 10. Media sources have not verified his name, his nationality, or his whereabouts. The boy appears to be reading from a script at points. He said he lives in Raqqa, where the US estimates 2,000 ISIS fighters are clinging to their stronghold as American-backed forces continue to make inroads.

SOURCE: 24 August 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Mississippi – Police Carry Out Largest Meth Bust in 2017

(U) Brandon – Law enforcement officials in Mississippi last week uncovered nearly 95 pounds of methamphetamine – which had a street value of approximately \$1.5 million – in what the Rankin County sheriff says is the largest crystal meth bust in the country in 2017. Officials are working with the Department of Homeland Security to track down those responsible for the drugs.

SOURCE: 23 August 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) New York – FBI Dark Web Drug Crackdown Charges Father and Son with Dealing Fentanyl

(U) Staten Island – Yesterday, the FBI announced the arrest of Michael Luciano, 58, and his 29-year-old son Phillip in Staten Island, New York. The duo was charged with possessing and selling fentanyl, a painkiller said to be 50 times stronger than heroine, and oxycodon, another strong form of pain medication. Prosecutors claimed the pair shared an AlphaBay username, Zane61, and that the father admitted, after a raid on his home in July, to dealing the illicit goods over AlphaBay. The Department of Justice said Michael Luciano also told police his son "knew how to use the dark web, had set up their dark web account, had handled the technological aspects of their transactions, and had purchased bitcoins."

SOURCE: 23 August 2017, [Forbes](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mexico – Court Re-Sentences Drug Kingpin in 1985 DEA Agent Killing

(U) Mexico City – A court in Mexico has re-sentenced convicted drug lord Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo for the 1985 killing of a US Drug Enforcement Administration agent. Felix Gallardo had been serving a 40-year sentence for the murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena. The federal judiciary council said yesterday that the new sentence is 37 years plus a reparation payment equivalent to about \$1.17 million. Felix Gallardo was considered the godfather of Mexican drug smuggling and a co-founder of the Guadalajara cartel.

SOURCE: 23 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Netherland – Dutch Police Arrest Suspect in Concert Terror Plot

(U) Rotterdam – Alerted by a detailed tip from Spanish colleagues, Dutch police arrested a 22-year-old man today and said he was suspected of preparing a "terrorist attack" on a concert by an American rock band. The arrest in Brabant province, south of Rotterdam, came hours after police canceled a performance last night by Los Angeles band Allah-Las at a converted grain silo in the heart of the port city. Police searched the man's home after his arrest but released no details of anything they found. His identity was not released, in line with Dutch privacy guidelines.

SOURCE: 24 August 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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